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The reply brief, and request for oral hearing, both filed 8/6/07, have been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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